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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 9th July, 2013

S.R.O. No. 489/2013—Whereas it has come to the notice of the State Government that some unscrupulous individuals and entities not authorised to collect public deposit are collecting public deposits and thereby defrauding innocent depositors.

2. And, whereas, the State Government are deeply concerned with misappropriation of public deposit and are of opinion that this being a matter of definite public importance should be enquired into by a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Act 60 of 1952).

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section-3, read with sub-section(1) of Section 5 of the said Act, the State Government do hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Shri Justice R.K. Patra , retired Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court and former Chairman of Odisha Human Rights Commission to enquire into the matters and submit the report within three months from the date of publication of this Notification.

The terms of reference of the Commission shall be to—

- (i) identify the individuals and entities who have indulged in unauthorised collection of public deposits in the State of Odisha,
- (ii) probe and bring out involvement of influential persons, bureaucrats and other sections of the society, if any, in protecting or promoting such illegal activities,
- (iii) suggest measures to safeguard the interest of genuine investors affected by the recent incidents relating to unauthorised collection of public deposits and its misappropriation,

- (iv) suggest safeguard measures to ensure financial security for the genuine investors and prevention of such problems in future, and
- (v) any other matter connected with or incidental thereto, as the Commission may consider appropriate.

4. Further the State Government do hereby direct that the provisions of sub-section (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Section 5 of the said Act shall also apply to the Commission, as the State Government are of the opinion that having regard to the nature of inquiry to be made and other circumstances relating to misappropriation of public deposit, such provision should be made applicable to the Commission.

5. The Headquarters of the Commission shall be at Cuttack and the Commission may hold inquiry elsewhere as may be necessary for the purpose of inquiry.

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By order of the Governor

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government